

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A fixing device ~~for producing an anchoring~~ anchored in an undercut drilled hole drilled only partially into an undercut portion of a panel, the fixing device comprising:

an anchor bolt comprising fixing means for fixing the panel to a supporting structure, and an anchoring zone having a portion that widens in cross-section in a direction of insertion and in correspondence with the undercut portion, and

a covering of a resilient plastics material that covers the anchoring zone and has a thickness and resiliency such that when the fixing device is anchored within the undercut portion, the covering permits inclination of the anchor bolt relative to the undercut portion of about ten degrees in response to transverse forces,

wherein an outermost cross-sectional dimension of the resilient material is less than an innermost cross-sectional dimension of the undercut hole.

2. (Previously Presented) A fixing device according to claim 1, wherein a smallest outer diameter of the covering is smaller in diameter than the portion of the anchoring zone that widens in cross-section.

3. (Previously Presented) A fixing device according to claim 1, wherein the covering comprises a silicone-containing plastics material.

4. (Previously Presented) A fixing device according to claim 1, wherein the covering consists of a silicone-containing plastics material.

5. (Previously Presented) A fixing arrangement comprising:
a panel having an undercut drilled hole extending only partially through the panel and comprising an undercut portion; and
a fixing device anchored in the undercut portion, the fixing device comprising an anchor bolt having fixing means for fixing the panel to a supporting structure and an

anchoring zone having a portion that widens in cross-section in a direction of insertion and in correspondence with the undercut portion, and a covering of a resilient plastics material that covers the anchoring zone, wherein an outermost cross-sectional dimension of the resilient material is less than an innermost cross-sectional dimension of the undercut hole, and

wherein the covering has a thickness and resiliency such that the covering permits inclination of the anchor bolt relative to the undercut portion in response to transverse forces.

6. (Previously Presented) A fixing arrangement according to claim 5, wherein a smallest outer diameter of the covering is smaller in diameter than the portion of the anchoring zone that widens in cross-section.

7. (Previously Presented) A fixing arrangement according to claim 5, wherein the covering comprises a silicone-containing plastics material.

8. (Previously Presented) A fixing arrangement according to claim 5, wherein the covering consists of a silicone-containing plastics material.

9. (Previously Presented) A fixing arrangement according to claim 5, wherein inclination of the anchor bolt of about 10 degrees relative to the undercut portion is enabled.

10. (Previously Presented) A fixing arrangement according to claim 5, wherein the fixing device is anchored in the undercut portion by a curable compound.

11. (Previously Presented) A fixing arrangement according to claim 5, wherein the panel is a glass panel.

12. (Canceled)

13 (Previously Presented) A fixing arrangement comprising:

a panel having an undercut drilled hole extending only partially through the panel and comprising an undercut portion; and

a fixing device anchored in the undercut portion, the fixing device comprising an anchor bolt having fixing means for fixing the panel to a supporting structure and an anchoring zone having a portion that widens in cross-section in a direction of insertion and in correspondence with the undercut portion, and a covering of a resilient plastics material that covers the anchoring zone,

wherein the covering has a thickness and resiliency such that the covering permits inclination of the anchor bolt relative to the undercut portion in response to transverse forces; and

wherein the fixing device is anchored in the undercut portion by a curable compound.